bacterias react in the reservoir and produce hydrogen sulphite (H2S), which being acidic in nature, has corresive effect on oil field equipment used in the well and at the surface for producing and handling of oil.

(b) No, Sir, there is nothing to indicate this.

Recommendations of the High Power Pay Committee for Public sector units

3391. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the High Power Pay Committee set up to look into the interest of employees of those organisations where Central Pattern of DA exists, has since submitted its report; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Supreme Court empowered the pay Committee to direct the organisations for the payment of interim relief, etc.; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The High Power Pay Committee has not submitted its final report since its term is up to 30th June, 1988.

(c) No, Sir.

Clearance of Power projects

3392. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to clear all the power projects which have been pending since long in view of the growing demand for power in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) While all efforts are being made to expedite the clearance of the power projects in order to meet the growing power demand, the approval of projects for execution demands upon a number of factors such as the comprehensiveness of the project reports, expeditious response of the project authorities to the various comments/observations of the Central Electricity Authority|Central Water Commission, availability of various inputs and clearances and the relative priority accorded to the projects in terms of allocation of funds.

Central assistance for hydro turbine plants

3393. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central assistance is given to the States for setting up of mini and micro hydro turbine plants;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise detail thereof; and

(c) what is the number of plants so far set up or proposed to be set up State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Central assistance is given by the Planning Commission for the State Plans in the term of

block loans/grants and is not related to any specific programme like setting up of micro and mini hydel projects.

Expansion of energy in Seventh Five Year Plan

3394. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the schemes undertaken in different States for the development and expansion of energy during the Seventh Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(b) the names of the places where new power plants are being set up in the different States, indicating State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) State-wise details of pwoer generatin schemes envisaged to give benefits during the Seventh Five Year Plan are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV Annexure No. 118-A]

Hotline connections in Tripura

3395. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any emergency hot line connections were given by Government to link up communication between the Congress (I) Offices in Tripura during the last Assembly Election and

(b) if so, what is the amount of money realised from the Congress (I) for that service?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2,32,393/- was realised from Congress (I) Office for the telecommunication facilities provided.

Expansion programme of I.T.I. Palghat

3396. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion programme of Palghat Unit of I.T.I. has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The expansion project involving establishment of production of digital trunk automatic rural and private automatic branch exchanges is under implementation.

(c) As per the detailed project report the full production is scheduled to be achieved by 1989-90. It is hoped to adhere to the schedule.

BHEL's units in Kerala

3397. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to set up a unit of BHEL in Kerala to manufacture AC/DC motors transformers, switchgear or components; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.